

Annual Report 2021



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Thank You!

The first full year of operations in the expanded and renovated GLCL was both memorable and challenging. Patrons embraced their new community space, utilizing both extensive collections and expanded work, reading and meeting areas. At year's end, usage of our resources, as gauged by all basic metrics, confirmed the positive response. However, the real measure of our success lies in the daily affirmations from the many and varied library users we served throughout the year. While the shadow cast by the ongoing specter of a global pandemic fell upon our doors as well, with common-sense safeguards the library was able to remain fully open and operational. As we look to the future, anticipating a return to less guarded times, we're committed to making the GLCL an even better, more relevant resource, maximizing the community investment that made 2021 such a rewarding year.

David Diller, library director
Janette Berkshire, assistant librarian

David Ulrich, public services
Maryellen Paull, program coordinator

By the Numbers

The GLCL was a busy place in 2021, setting usage records by almost every measure. Here are a few key statistics that help tell the story.

Total materials borrowed



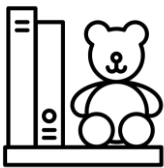
38,005

People visiting the library



17,377

Kid's materials borrowed



11,974

Program attendance



1,347

Public computer & WiFi users



2,555

New library cards issued

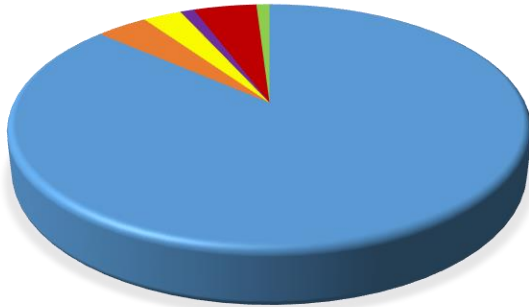


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Finances

Our library is made possible by strong local support, with reliable funding generated primarily from an operating millage of .30 mils, reapproved by area voters in August 2021. Donations and support from the Friends of the Library are also vital. With this secure income, the library is able to provide professional staffing, a steady supply of new books and media, and cover facility maintenance and other operational expenses.

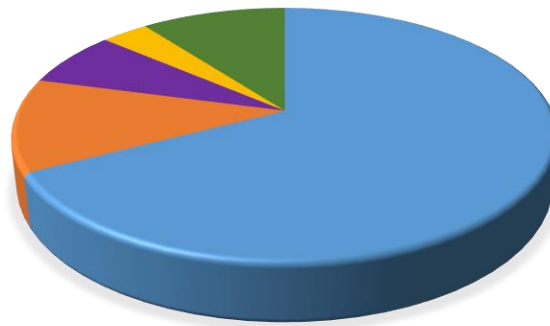
Income: \$258,106



- Millage - 86%
- Friends of the Library - 4%
- Government & grants - 3%
- User fees - 1%
- Donations - 5%
- Other - 1%

Expenses: \$220,001

- Personnel = 67 %
- Collections = 12 %
- Facility = 7%
- Technology = 4%
- Operations = 10%



Board of Trustees

The library enjoys steady oversight by dedicated community residents, representing all three townships in our service district. Our partners, the Friends of the Library, are also represented in an advisory capacity. The Board governs policy, personnel and financial decisions.

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A Library for all seasons: *highlights*

January: With our fellow Leelanau County Libraries, we hosted a virtual screening of *Neither Wolf Nor Dog*, a powerful film exploring the Native American experience.

February: Talented chef Abra Berens shared mouth-watering cooking demos in a series of online presentations for country residents. Over 400 people attended the series.

March: The hardworking team from Evergreen Organics discussed the history, present and promising future of Hemp cultivation.

April: Phase 2 Landscape enhancements commenced, adding the finishing touches on our new facility, with work continuing through the summer.

May: Ronan Hession, author of the charming novel *Leonard & Hungry Paul*, joined us from his native Ireland for a virtual talk, hosted by Sue Boucher of Cottage Books.

June: Local artists Anne Marie Oomen & Linda Dewey presented *On the Precipice*, a collaboration of painting and poetry. Also, a new integrated library software system was launched, providing more efficient staff tools and an improved online catalog.

July: Our Summer Reading Program was in full swing, with weekly activities for kids and families. Highlights included music by local favorites Luunappi, a drawing workshop, and nature study with SBDunes park rangers.

August: Voters in all three townships overwhelmingly approved a new operating millage request, securing funds through 2025.

September: Stories & More for Preschoolers relaunched, with in-person sessions hosted by Maryellen Paull, our Program Coordinator.

October: The library celebrated a belated 1st Birthday, with music, donuts & cider, and many well-wishers. Local author Robert Downes presented a fascinating lecture on Native American history.

November: Our county libraries partnered again for the Leelanau Community Read, hosting a wonderful online interview with Angeline Boulley, author of *Firekeeper's Daughter*.

December: Photographer & poet Mae Stier shared her work in our Program Room, along with colleague Bizzy Feeks, including a thoughtful reading, exploring themes of place and identity. The Friends of the Library coordinated their annual children's book drive, sharing the gift of reading with hundreds of area youth.